

House File 381 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funding for approved local preschool
2 programs and including applicability provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. "Preschool budget enrollment" means the figure that is
4 equal to ~~fifty percent~~ of the actual enrollment of eligible
5 students in the preschool programming provided by a school
6 district approved to participate in the preschool program on
7 October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if
8 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

9 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
10 2023, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. For the initial school year for which a school district
12 approved to participate in the preschool program receives that
13 approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for
14 the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district
15 shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year
16 in [section 256C.6](#), Code 2011, or in another appropriation
17 made for purposes of [this chapter](#). For that school year, the
18 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is
19 the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for
20 the school year multiplied by ~~sixty percent~~ of the school
21 district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the
22 school year determined by rule.

23 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies July 1, 2024, for
24 school budget years beginning on or after that date.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to funding for the statewide preschool
29 program for four-year-old children under Code chapter 256C.

30 The amount of state funding for each school district's
31 approved local program is determined using a preschool budget
32 enrollment that is equal to 50 percent of the actual enrollment
33 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by
34 a school district on October 1 of the base year. The bill
35 changes the preschool budget enrollment used to determine

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1 funding to an amount equal to 100 percent of the actual
2 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming
3 provided by a school district on October 1 of the base
4 year. The bill also modifies the funding calculation for the
5 initial school year for which a school district is approved to
6 participate in the program.

7 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
8 July 1, 2024.